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BULLETIN BOARD

INTERVIEW DEADLINES

The following are the application deadlines for this week (all application packets must be in by 1 p.m.):

Tuesday, 1/17:

National Labor Relations Board (interviews will be 1/26 and 1/27);

Wednesday, 1/18:

Burgess, Kennedy (interviews will be 2/1).

If you want to interview with the U.S. Marine Corps on 1/26, sign up in Placement.

For more information about any of these employers, see Placement.

PLACEMENT OFFICE ORIENTATION

Wondering what services are offered by the Placement Office? Come by at HIGH NOON this Thursday, 1/19, and find out what resources we can provide you as well as step-by-step instructions about our on-campus interview program. 1Ls ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND TO PREPARE YOU FOR NEXT FALL.

ATTENTION 2Ls!

NUTS & BOLTS OF JUDICIAL CLERKSHIPS

All interested 2Ls are invited to attend the "Nuts and Bolts of Judicial Clerkships" information session on Tuesday, 1/31, from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Weyerhaeuser Lounge. This seminar will spell out the steps to getting a judicial clerkship after

graduation. Now is the time to begin that application process. Watch for more information or see Placement for more details.

WHERE TO LOOK FOR JOB INFORMATION

If you are searching for a job, either for the summer or for after graduation, make sure to read the PR, keep an eye on the 5th floor display cases, and the bulletin board in Placement Services. Updates and information about workshops, on-campus interviews and new job openings occur on a daily basis.

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR PROSPECTIVE LAW LIBRARIANS

If you want to become a law librarian, you can get scholarship information by writing:

Scholarships and Grants Committee
American Association of Law
Libraries

53 West Jackson Blvd., suite 940
Chicago, Ill 60604

The application deadline is March 17, 1989. A minority Group stipend is also available.

LEXIS AND WESTLAW TRAINING

Registration for Lexis and Westlaw refresher classes will continue this week. If you are interested then sign up at the circulation desk. These are the last classes that will be offered until September, 1989.

RESUME AND COVER LETTER WORKSHOP

Don't miss this workshop scheduled for TODAY AT 5 p.m. in room 502. Placement will guide you through the basics of this important step in your job search. 1Ls are especially encouraged to attend.

INTERVIEW TECHNIQUES WORKSHOP

Tuesday, 1/24, there will be a workshop on interview techniques in room 503. Watch the PR for more details.

Nihil possumus contra veritatem:
we can do nothing against truth.

HOMESTEADING IN THE LIBRARY; A REPRISÉ

To ensure that all students have received notice of the enforcement of the Library's prohibition on homesteading, I am re-issuing a portion of my December memo with some additional clarification.

"No Homesteading" has always been the Library's policy. Prior to 12/19/88 when enforcement of the policy was reinstituted, homesteading unfairly monopolized many study areas which should be available for all students to use.

Books and personal possessions were removed from carrels on 12/20-/88, bagged and delivered to Security. Lamps were not taken due to student comments regarding the lighting. (As an aside, it is worth noting that over the break, the lighting was substantially increased.) Placement of a lamp DOES NOT reserve a carrel.

Any student who wishes to study at a particular carrel may remove any personal items left by another student, if it is clear that the owner of the items is not merely temporarily absent for a short time.

To reiterate, the rules are as follows:

*Any student may study in any available carrel;

*Any non-circulating library materials left in a carrel will be reshelfed along with any circulating volumes which have not been properly checked-out through Circ/Reserve;

*Books which have been checked through Circ/Reserve but left in a carrel will be returned to the collection. Students with overdue books will be subject to any fines which may accrue; and

*The Library reserves the right to temporarily assign a carrel to a student for an extraordinary research project involving representation of the law school in competitions.

Please assist the Library in its efforts to provide for the greatest good of the greatest number of students. Comments may be addressed to Faye Jones, Assistant Law Librarian.

UPS's SELF-STUDY AVAILABLE FOR STUDENT INSPECTION

The Law School will be having its regular seven-year accreditation inspection by the American Bar Association in early March. Drafts of the self-study prepared for that inspection have been placed on reserve for review by the student body. In addition, to the full copies on reserve, additional copies of the student portions have also been placed on reserve. Any comments on the draft self-study should be submitted in writing to Mark McDougal, SBA President, by Monday, January 23.

HELP WANTED

A reliable 2L or 3L, work-study qualified student is needed to for miscellaneous jobs. We prefer someone who can commit at least 10-hours per week. Interested parties should see Denise or Dee in the Dean's Office.

WHAT AM I GOING TO DO . . . ? AN UPDATE

Last week, the PR included a list of resources to help you design your legal (or non-legal) career. In the November 14, 1988 issue of the "National Law Journal" there are two articles of interest.

The first, "For Midlevel Associates, 'What Now? Is This It?'" is a guide for planning your legal career that can be used not only by lawyers looking for a change but also for graduates. According to the articles authors, attorney/professor S.S. Samuelson and attorney-/consultant Don S. Samuelson (no relation), list a number of steps to help create your career plan.

The second article, "'Unpartners' Proliferate In the Firms" by Rita Henley Jensen, is cold-water look at the life of contract, or employee, attorneys. This article should be read in conjunction with the more positive article in the September, 1988 issue of "Student Lawyer" called "Contract Attorneys - the advantages of jumping from job to job." Both publications are on reserve at the Circ/Reserve

desk.

Law school applications are up and that means more competition upon graduation. As these articles report, the traditional associate-to-partner track for law school graduates is becoming more difficult to get into for most graduates from "nonprestigious" law schools. It has also become attractive only to those personalities who live and breathe work. But options are available and it is probably wiser to look for alternatives than to count on tradition.

'89/'90 LAW SCHOOL BUDGET IS SET FOR TRUSTEE OK

The proposed budget for the law school's 89/90 fiscal year has been submitted to the Board of Trustees for approval. Included in the proposal is a tuition increase for upper-level students to \$305 per credit hour, up from this year's charge of \$280 per credit hour, which will raise the yearly tuition to \$9,150. The 1989 entering class will be charged \$325 per credit hour which will raise the yearly tuition to \$9,750.

The balanced budget will be \$7,687,100, up \$605,400 over last year's budget. Next year's class will be equal to 750 full-time equivalent students (one FTE takes about 31.9 credit hours per year). The entering class will be 230 full-time students and 70 part-time. The scholarship fund will be increased 17 percent by dedicating 1 percent of the revenues to financial aid for students. The full-time faculty budget will be reduced to include 25 positions full-time (26 currently), four and a half long-term contract positions, and six and a half legal writing positions. The projected student-teacher will be 27/1.

Professor David Boerner, chairman of the Budget Committee, explained that 80 percent of the budget are fixed costs (salaries, utility costs, debt service, etc.). For example, the biggest budget item is the instructional services budget at \$3,125,674 (a 4.2 percent increase over last year). This item includes

the salaries of the entire faculty, including their staff (budgeted at \$2,990,914 which is a 4.8 percent increase) and operating costs like postage, books, and travel (\$166,760 which is a 12.9 percent increase). Unless, positions are eliminated (one full-time faculty position was eliminated for this budget), only 5 percent of the instructional services budget is not dictated by contract.

At the moment, UPS's tuition charge is the highest of the private law schools in the Northwest (Lewis & Clark is closest - \$8,700 compared to UPS's \$8,960) yet still much less than the California schools (San Diego is the cheapest at \$9,350). When the bifurcated tuition charge goes into effect, UPS's upper-level students will still pay less than California students, but the entering class will be in the '88/'89 California range.

Laurie Jenkins, student representative on the Budget Committee, said that she entered the budget process against any further budget increase. "But after attending all the budget meetings, I realized that there was nothing to cut," she said.

Professor David Boerner, the committee chairperson, said that the budget was designed to achieve the goals set out in the long-range plan. However, he said, the real driving force was inflation. "Things simply cost more," he said.

In an earlier interview, Boerner explained that before former-Dean Tausend left the law school, he asked Boerner to tighten up the budget to create a management tool. Explaining that budget choices were dictated by the market, Boerner said, "School applications were dropping throughout the 80s. Therefore, we had a choice. Either drop the admission standards to keep the same tuition flow, but to do that might be a disservice to the school and the students because there is a high correlation between class size, class rank and passage of the bar exam. I don't necessarily think

that those people (admitted under the lower standards) would make bad lawyers, but the reality is that you have to pass the bar to practice."

Therefore, the option the school chose was to reduce the class size to maintain quality and increase tuition. Despite the market trend that brought about this choice, the number of people taking the LSAT is up 40 percent, according to Boerner. "But I think we shouldn't review the policy because we can use the smaller size to increase the quality of the student body," he said.

Boerner does not want the budget to be a closed-door process. In the years past, he has presented the budget to the students yet, he said, few students showed up. However, "we've had excellent student representatives," he added. "I can't remember a case where a student representative didn't agree" with the final budget proposal.

Professor Boerner says that there will be copies of the proposed budget available to students, as well as a open forum in the future for students (the date has yet to be determined).

SBA NOTES

MCDUGAL PROPOSES NEW WAY TO FUND SBA TO GAIN MORE AUTONOMY

SBA President Mark McDougal and SBA Budget Director Laurie Jinkins persuaded the faculty Budget Committee to adopt a proposal that would take the SBA out of the school's budget. The organization would be funded by charging students a mandatory activity fee: \$36 per year for full-time students and \$21 per year for part-time students. This would generate \$26,500 for the SBA that would be under its total control.

In a statement prepared for the Budget Committee, McDougal wrote that by funding the SBA through the budget does not reward the organization for responsible management of

funds because the SBA must return all unused funds - called the zero out process. With the SBA taken out of the budget, the tuition would be decreased by that amount (although the decrease will not be significant because the SBA budget makes up .003 of the total budget).

McDougal continued: "This past year the SBA demonstrated its ability to manage its budget responsibly when it returned a large percent of its budget, (roughly \$3,000) through the "zero out" process.

"The SBA believes that an autonomous budget will allow it to continue to expand its involvement in productive activities. As president of the SBA I have spent the past eight months seeking student feedback on this topic. Over this period of time I have received virtually no negative feedback. I have also spoken with dozens of SBA presidents from around the country and they seem to think for the most part that a student activity fee is the most desirable method of funding a student government. In the 12th Circuit almost all of the other law schools have now gone to an activity fee to fund their student governments.

"We have not undertaken this proposal lightly. If it is approved by the budget committee the SBA will then seek an amendment to its constitution and conform its by-laws. The collection and accounting processes

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The activity fee would be mandatory and collected by the business office when students pay their tuition. Any increase in the fee must be voted for by a majority of the student body.

<p>STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS</p>

ENVIRONMENTAL LAW SOCIETY MEETS

The ELS will meet this Thursday, 1/19, at 5 p.m. (room will be posted). All members please attend! Interested persons also are welcome. We will be discussing the ELS In-House Competition that the Society will be sponsoring this spring. Also on the agenda are recycling issues and fund-raising ideas. For further information, contact Dean Ingeman-sen.

WOMEN'S LAW CAUCUS - ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Caucus will hold its semi-annual potluck brunch on Sunday, 1/22, starting 11 a.m. at 509 N. "M" St. Bring yourself, your friends, your kids, and a dish to pass. Be prepared to relax and pretend not to be law students for a few hours. If you have any questions, please leave a note for Rose P. or Laurie J.

The next Caucus support group will be held on Thursday, 2/2, at 7:30 p.m. at 210 N. "G" St., Apt. H. Please contact Laurie Jinkins if you have any questions.

In November, the city of Bellingham passed an antipornography ordinance. A law suit was filed immediately, arguing that the ordinance should be struck down on First Amendment grounds. Professor Debbie Maranville has taken on the case and is arguing that ordinance should be upheld. Currently, the Caucus is assisting Professor Maranville in research projects concerning the case. If you are interested in getting involved, please contact Laurie Jinkins.

The next "Women's Voice" newslet-

ter is due out 2/1. If you wish to submit any announcements, articles, clippings, editorials, etc. please leave them with Becky Neal by the 25th of this month.

The 20th Annual Conference on Women and The Law will be held on March 30-April 2 in Oakland (Berkeley), CA. We just received the Conference program, so if you're interested in finding out more about it or registering for the Conference, contact Laurie Jinkins.

ATTENTION TAUSEND COMPETITORS!

Please check the door to room 319. There are three competitors who have yet to fulfill the competition requirements.

<p>NOTES FROM THE DEAN</p>

EVENTS CALENDAR - SPRING '89

Thursday, 1/19, 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.:

A visit by ROBERT D. RAVEN, ABA President. Faculty and students are invited to a question and answer period, followed by a reception in Weyerhaeuser Lounge.

Thursday, 1/16, 5 p.m.:

ANN C. SCALES (University of New Mexico) will present "A Feminist Critiques the Law" in room 501, followed by a reception in Weyerhaeuser Lounge

Friday and Saturday, 3/10-11:

BOARD OF VISITORS ANNUAL MEETING

Monday, 4/3, at 5 p.m.:

RICHARD A. EPSTEIN, (Chicago), will present "A Libertarian Reflects on the Law" in room 501, followed by a reception in Weyerhaeuser Lounge.

Friday, 3/7, HIGH NOON:

CLARK BYSE (Harvard) will present "A Traditionalist Re-Examines the Law" in room 501, followed by a reception in Weyerhaeuser Lounge.

Thursday, 3/13, 8 p.m.:

The Law School presents Douglas, a play about the late Supreme Court justice, William O. Douglas, at the Pantages Theater. It is open to the Law School and friends of the Law School.

ALTERNATIVE
RELIEF
by Mary Kohl

Events for January 17 to January 23:

The Performance Circle, Gig Harbor's resident theater, presents Stephen Sondheim's "A Little Night Music", featuring UPS law student Sam Barker. The show runs through January 21, with performances on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. The Performance Theater is just off Highway 16. Call 851-7529 for reservations.

Other theater includes: Pioneer Square Theater's production of "The Nerd" which is extended through 1/22. "Angry Housewives", currently in its sixth year, is at the PST's mainstage. 622-2016 for information about both shows.

The Mike Stern/Bob Berg Band will be at the Backstage in Seattle 1/21. This jazz band featuring Mike Stern on guitar and Bob Berg on tenor sax have received rave reviews for their engaging jazz set. Also at the Backstage, Antone's Texas R&B Revue, 1/24. If you like to dance, this is the show for you! The Revue features several outstanding musicians from the San Antonio area playing together in a rare appearance. This show sold out last year, and was so popular the Revue came back. Former Youngbloods member Jessie Collin Young will perform 1/27, and local favorites, David Mallet and Ginny Riely on 1/29. Tickets for all Backstage events are available from Ticketmaster, 628-0888.

Events on Upper Campus:

Barney McClure, noted jazz pianist, performs at Kilworth Chapel, 1/20, 8 p.m., \$5 general admission. Bolivian folk musician and renowned virtuoso of the five-stringed armadillo, Ernesto Cavour, will perform 1/18, at 5:30 p.m. in the Rotunda of

the Student Union Building, free.

Harmon Zeigler, Philip M. Phibbs Distinguished Professor of American Government at UPS, will examine the election of Bush and his impact on the political future, Friday, 1/20 in room 101 of the Student Union Building, at HIGH NOON.

Auditions for UPS's upcoming production of "Shakespeare's Fantasies - Scenes From Shakespeare" will be held Sunday, 1/22, 7 p.m. at the Inside Theater. Those interested must be prepared to read 10 lines of Shakespearean text (except from the "Comedy of Errors") and dress in loose clothing. For more information call 756-3330.

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RUMINATIONS

by Jeff Fishel

THANKS TO JERRY BOERGER AND THE MAINTENANCE STAFF:

My first day back at school I suddenly saw things with the wonder and clarity that people who have been near death experience upon recovery. I entered the library on the third floor and noticed the dirty, green/yellow hue of the library's carpeting. But more, I saw/felt the texture of each strand in the carpet's nap and viewed an ocean of symmetrically formed acrylic strands draped with just the right amount of dyed wool.

Then I noticed that the carrels were really fake vinyl veneer and not mahogany! There, I saw press board through chipped veneer; and there, I saw where some 3L vandal had left his/her indelible message for the future.

It was all so clear, so sharp, so invigorating that I knew then and there that this place was no place to study. I left immediately to search out a dingy, poorly lit room where I could use my clip-on lamp and study to the steady rumble and squeak of some underground, Orwellian machine.

ON THE COLOR PINK:

Some of you have noticed a new tabloid lying around the student lounge called the "People's Daily World." This is the newspaper of the Communist Party of America. Someone decided, for his or her own reasons, that a few of the better know "conservatives" deserved a gift subscription.

I got one as the editor of the newsletter (I hope) and have enjoyed reading it for the past week - I think all of you should take a glance at the voice of the America's oldest minor party. (As some of you may know, the CPA was formed out of the IWW movement which was very influential in Washington State at the turn of century and into the 20s.)

The People's Daily World was formed three years ago when the old "Worker's Daily" of the CPA merged with the West Coast's "People's World," according to PDW reporter Chris Williams. Now it's the voice of the national party and subscriptions are increasing (at least by 3).

The biggest difference I find in PDW from leftist newspapers I've read in the past is the Sports Page - the other papers didn't have one. The sports editor, Dennis Regier, predicts that the '49ers will win the Superbowl. It's not that politics is completely absent from the sports page (Regier wrote a column stating that the reason white owners and coaches feel OK about black quarterbacks today is that the position has been reduced to a nonthinking position), it just that in the old days, anything other than politics and the "revolution" was too frivolous to report.

Read the copies lying around and you may be surprised to find yourself coming close to agreeing with some of the rhetoric - sort of "in the pink."

Of course, if you're interested in subscribing, I was sent a special offer for "trial" subscribers of \$6 for the weekend edition, \$10 for the daily. You have until Thursday, 1/20 or the prices jump to \$10 and \$15.

THE CREATIVITY FAIR:

Time is not a factor in your decision to write, paint, compose or create something to submit to the Creativity Fair. I have heard that the idea for this fair is a good one but that it is difficult to find the time. That's not the approach to take. Think of it in terms of sex - there are moments when it can be inconvenient, and there are moments when it's just improper, but when the time is right, you just got to do it.

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